



Success for Dawlish Warren Beach, South Devon as it celebrates 21 consecutive years of securing the prestigious Blue Flag Award

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Dawlish Warren Beach is celebrating an incredible 21 consecutive years of holding a prestigious Blue Flag award. Photo credit Phil Hemsley

The South Devon coastal town of Dawlish and its close neighbour the resort of Dawlish Warren, are renowned for their beautiful beaches and outstanding coastal walks. The 2.1km stretch of beach between Dawlish and Dawlish Warren is widely considered the jewel in the crown in the South Devon Coastline and is instantly recognisable by the nearby red Langstone Rock. The popular beach sits at the mouth of the Exe Estuary and is home to the National Nature Reserve, which is a vibrant wildlife haven to a number of rare species of bird and plant life.

Dawlish Warren Beach is celebrating an impressive 21 consecutive years of being awarded a prestigious Blue Flag award. The acclaimed Blue Flag shows they have passed tough criteria for environmental management, visitor facilities, cleanliness and clean bathing waters.

Environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy also recently announced that Dawlish Main Beach and Coryton Cove at

Dawlish had retained their Seaside Awards. The independently assessed seal of approval is awarded to beaches that achieve very high quality standards excellent cleanliness, safe access and appropriate signage.

Teignbridge District Council's Managing Director, Phil Shears, said "This is fantastic news and I take great pride in saying our Teignbridge beaches are amongst the best in the country. These awards don't come easily and are testament to the hard work put in not only by our outstanding Resorts team but also local volunteers who support the environment. Thank you to everyone involved and I'm hoping it will be a brilliant summer that will attract locals and visitors alike to our award winning beaches."

Jo Butler of Visit South Devon said "We are absolutely delighted that Dawlish Warren Beach has retained this highest of environmental accolades. To have achieved Blue Flag status for 21 consecutive years is truly flying the flag for South Devon. The award reaffirms to our local communities, businesses and visitors that our region has fantastic quality beaches. If you haven't visited Dawlish and Dawlish Warren yet, please do come and have a look"

Dawlish town has also been awarded Silver by [dayoutwithkids.co.uk](https://www.dayoutwithkids.co.uk), as one of the best seaside towns in the UK 2019. The results were based on feedback from over 2,000 families.

For more on Dawlish and Dawlish Warren's beaches visit: <https://www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk/dawlish>

Cofton Holidays awarded a lucrative 5 star accreditation from Visit England

In the heart of South Devon are some fantastic places to stay and a real hidden gem is family run Cofton holidays, which has this week announced that it has been awarded with lucrative 5 star accreditation from Visit England.

The award has come at an amazing time for Cofton, after the most successful year ever last year for awards and multiple upgrades and new developments to the holiday park including purpose built toilet and shower blocks designed to take the Cofton holidays experience to the next level.



Cofton's award winning team L-R Roger Jefferies, Mellony Kirby, Helen Scott and Chris Jefferies.

Helen Scott, Cofton Holidays directors said " We are absolutely delighted with the five star award, it's something we have been working towards for some time and it's testament to the ongoing investments made and the commitment of the hard working team, who are all part of the Cofton family"

Stay at Cofton:

Nestled between Dawlish and Starcross, Cofton offers something for everyone, whether you're looking for family fun, with two swimming pools, multiple play areas and 5 fishing lakes or a quiet couples retreat on the Eastdon Estate with acres of private woodland to explore.

There is everything onsite you need, with 4 fantastic eateries and award winning facilities, but even better, it's idyllic country setting situated on convenient bus and train links makes it the perfect base for a Devon adventure.

For more details on Cofton and to take advantage of accommodation and visitor offers visit:

<https://www.coftonholidays.co.uk/last-minute-holidays/>

What's on in Dawlish - fabulous family experiences for all the family

If you're looking for a great coastal town for a traditional seaside holiday then Dawlish is the answer. With sandy beaches, family attractions, walks and cycle routes, there is lots to see and plenty of things to do in Dawlish and Dawlish Warren. For more details visit: www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk

July 12 at 7pm

Fun on the Lawn: Dawlish Town Council Present Movie Night on the Lawn

Sing the night away at a free open air screening of The Greatest Showman Sing-A-Long

July 13 and 14 from 12 noon

Fun on the Lawn: Wimbledon

Watch the Ladies' Final and Mens' Final live from Wimbledon on the giant screen at the Lawn. A Pimm's tent and other refreshments will be available on both day

July 20 and August 24

Dawlish Vintage and Antiques Fair

Vintage and antiques fair with something to suit all pockets. Free entry.

July 21 from 10.30am – 4pm

Fun on the Lawn: The Historic Transport Club Display

The Historic Transport Club displays cars, vans and trucks on the Lawn and The Stand. There will also be music from Daniela Ruttinger, Buried Hedz and SUNDOGS.

August 10-16

Dawlish Carnival Week

Carnival week in Dawlish is a seven-day action packed event with a programme that'll ensure there's something for everyone to enjoy. Carnival week will include the following themes events:

Family Day 12 August

Pram Race 13 August

Beach Day 14 August

Nostalgia Day 15 August

Parade Day 16 August

For more detail on the programme: <http://dawlishcelebratescarnival.co.uk>

Autumn 2019

During autumn 2019 visitors to Dawlish will be able to come and see coastal engineering in action as Network Rail rebuilds a short section of sea wall south of the town. The Network Rail scheme will see work undertaken on a small part of the 2.1km beach that runs between Dawlish and Langstone Rock/Dawlish Warren. Visitors will still be able to stroll along this beach during improvements.

Ends.

Editors notes:

About Visit South Devon: Visit South Devon is a Community Interest Company that exists solely for the benefit of the local tourism community, helping raise the profile of the area as a destination for both national and international visitors. Covering the whole southern half of Devon, including, the South Hams, Teignbridge, East Devon and Mid Devon, our main aim is to increase the number of day visits, short breaks, longer holidays and business trips to South Devon for the benefit of the local tourism economy.

For lots of useful information on great places to stay, eat and visit in South Devon please visit www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk

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